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Congressman Nathan Deal
9th District Georgia
2133 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-1010

Dear Congressman Deal:

The 1071 Coalition is a group of businesses, governments and individuals whose mission is to “keep Lake Sidney Lanier at full pool – 1073”. Recreation on Lake Lanier brings to adjacent Counties, the Region and the State of Georgia millions of dollars annually and provides many jobs for Georgians. Lake Lanier has been operating for some 50 plus years and is the main source of recreation for citizens....some 7.5million visitors each year.

We support your request for legislative proposals and projects to be included in the Water Resources Development Act of 2010.

Specifically: **Authorizing Lake Lanier for the Purpose of Recreation...** To update the Army Corps of Engineers Shoreline Management Plan on the surrounding area of Lake Lanier for use in reevaluating Lake Lanier operations for enhancing, to the maximum extent practicable, recreational opportunities at the lake for use in authorizing Lake Lanier for recreation.

The members of the 1071 Coalition thank you for addressing the needs of citizens and businesses of Lake Lanier.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Alex Laidlaw'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Alex Laidlaw
President

A non-profit organization comprised of citizens, civic groups, businesses and other entities dedicated to maintaining water levels in Lake Sidney Lanier that sustain water supply, recreation, and economic prosperity through the advocacy of appropriate, science-based water releases necessary for the ACF River Basin.

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